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improve morally, intellectually, or culturally 4 : to raise the spirits of ; ELATE syn see LIFT and lower ele-vat-ed \-vāt-əd\ adj 1 : raised esp. above the ground or other surface <can ~ highway> 2 a : morally or intellectually on a high plane <can ~ mind> b : FORMAL, DIGNIFIED <~ dictio>

3 : exhilarated in mood or feeling elevated railroad n : an urban or interurban railroad operating chiefly on an elevated structure — called also elevated railway ele-vation \-lē-vā-shən\ n 1 : the height to which something is elevated: as a : the angular distance of a celestial object above the horizon b : the degree to which a gun is aimed above the horizon c : the height above the level of the sea : ALTITUDE 2 : a ballet dancer's or a skater's leap and seeming suspension in the air; also : the ability to achieve an elevation 3 : an act or instance of elevating 4 : something that is elevated: as a : an elevated place b : a swelling esp. on the skin 5 : the quality or state of being elevated 6 : a geometrical projection (as of a building) on a vertical plane syn see HEIGHT

el-e-va-tor \-lē-vā-tōr\ n 1 : one that raises or lifts something up: as a : an endless belt or chain conveyor with cleats, scoops, or buckets for raising material b : a cage or platform and its hoisting machinery for conveying something to different levels c : a building for elevating, storing, discharging, and sometimes processing grain 2 : a movable auxiliary airfoil usu. attached to the tail plane of an airplane for producing motion up or down — see AIRPLANE illustration

eleven \-lē-vən\ n [ME *enleven*, fr. *enleven*, adj., fr. OE *endlefen*; akin to OHG *einlif* eleven; both fr. a prehistoric Gmc compound whose first element is akin to OE *an* one, and whose second element is prob. akin to OE *lén* to lend] 1 — see NUMBER table 2 : the 11th in a set or series 3 : something having 11 units or members: esp. a football team — eleven adj or pron — ele-ven- \-ən(t)b\ adj or n

eleven-o-clock \-lē-vən\ n pl but sometimes sing in constr [irreg. pl. of *eleven* (o'clock)] Brɪt : a light lunch or sometimes only coffee or tea taken around the middle of the morning

eleventh hour n : the latest possible time <won his reprieve at the eleventh hour>

el-e-von \-lē-vən\ n [elevator + aileron] : an airplane control surface that combines the functions of elevator and aileron

elf \-elf\ n, pl elves \-elfz\ [ME, fr. OE *elf*; akin to ON *elfr* cf.] 1 : a small often mischievous fairy 2 a : a small creature; esp. a mischievous child b : a mischievous or malicious person — elfish \-elf-ish\ adj — elfishly adv

Elf abbr extremely low frequency

elf-in \-elf-in\ adj [irreg. fr.elf] 1 a : of, relating to, or produced by an elf b : resembling an elf 2 : having an otherworldly or magical quality or charm

elf-lock \-elf-läk\ n : hair matted as if by elves — usu. used in pl. Eli \-ēl\ n [Heb *Eliyāh*] : a judge and priest of Israel who according to the account in I Samuel was entrusted with the care of the boy Samuel

Eli-as \-i-lē-as\ n [LL, fr. Gk *Elias*, fr. Heb *Eliyāh*] : ELIAH

elic-it \-i-lēt\ v [L *elicitus*, pp. of *elicere*, fr. e- + *lacer* to allure — more at DELIGHT] 1 a : to draw forth or bring out (something latent or potential) b : to derive (as a truth) by logical processes 2 : to call forth or draw out (as a response or reaction) syn see EDUCATE

— elic-i-ta-tion \-i-lē-tə-shən, -ēl-\ n — elic-i-tor \-i-lē-tər\ n

elide \-līd\ v, elid-ed; elid-ing [L *elidere* to strike out, fr. e- + *radere* to injure by striking] 1 a : to suppress or alter (as a vowel or syllable) by elision b : to strike out (as a written word or passage) 2 a : to leave out of consideration : OMIT b : CURTAIN, ABRIDGE

el-i-gi-ble \-el-ə-jə-bəl\ adj [ME, fr. MF & LL; MF, fr. LL *eligibilis*, fr. L *eligere* to choose — more at ELECT] 1 a : qualified to be chosen : ENTITLED <~ for sophomore standing> <~ to retire> b : permitted under football rules to catch a forward pass <can ~ receiver> 2 : worthy of being chosen : DESIRABLE <an ~ young bachelor> — el-i-gi-bil-i-ty \-el-ə-jə-bil-i-tē\ n — eligible n — el-i-gi-bly \-el-ə-jə-blē\ adv

Eli-jah \-i-lē-jā\ n [Heb *Eliyāh*] : a Hebrew prophet of the 9th century B.C. who according to the account in I Kings championed the worship of Jehovah as against Baal.

elim-i-nate \-līm-ə-nāt\ v, -nāt-ed; -nāt-ing [L *eliminatus*, pp. of *eliminare*, fr. e- + *limin*, *limen* (threshold) 1 a : to cast out or get rid of : REMOVE, ERADICATE <the need to ~ poverty> b : to set aside as unimportant : IGNORE 2 : to expel (as waste) from the living body 3 : to cause to disappear by combining two or more equations syn see EXCLUDE — elim-i-na-tion \-līm-ə-nā-shən\ n — elim-i-na-tive \-līm-ə-nātiv\ adj — elim-i-na-tor \-nātər\ n

Eli-sha \-i-lē-shā\ n [Heb *Eliyāh*] : a Hebrew prophet and disciple and successor of Elijah

elli-on \-i-lēzh-ən\ n [LL *ellison*, *elista*, fr. L *elitus* pp. of *elidere*] 1 a : the use of a speech form that lacks a final or initial sound which a variant speech form has <the use of 's instead of 's in English there's is an example of ~> b : the omission of an unstressed vowel or syllable in a verse to achieve a uniform metrical pattern 2 : the act or an instance of dropping out or omitting something : OMISSION

elite \-lēt, i-\ n [F *élite*, fr. OF *elite*, fr. fem. of *elire*, pp. of *elire* to choose, fr. L *eliger*] 1 a : the choice part; esp. a socially superior group b : a powerful minority group <a power ~ inside the government> 2 : a typewriter type providing 12 characters to the linear inch — elite adj

elitism \-lēt-iz-əm\ n 1 a : leadership or rule by an elite b : belief in or advocacy of such elitism 2 : consciousness of being or belonging to an elite — elit-ist \-lēt-ist\ n or adj

elixir \-i-lék-sör\ n [ME, fr. ML fr. Ar *al-ikṣir* the elixir, fr. al the + *ikṣir* elixir, prob. fr. Gk *xētron* desiccative powder, fr. *xēros* dry]

1 a : a substance held capable of changing base metals into gold : PHILOSOPHERS STONE b (1) : a substance held capable of prolonging life indefinitely (2) : CURE-ALL (3) : a sweetened liquid

elevated • elongation

usu. containing alcohol that is used as a vehicle for medicinal agents 2 : the essential principle

Eliz abbr Elizabethan

Eliz-a-be-than \-ē-liz-ə-bē-thən\ adj : of, relating to, or characteristic of Elizabeth I of England or her age — Elizabethan n

elk \-ēlk\ n, pl elks [ME, prob. fr. OE *elhō*; akin to OHG *elhō* elk, Gk *elaphos* deer] 1 pl usu elk a : the largest existing deer (*Cervus elaphus*) of Europe and Asia resembling but not so large as the moose of No. America b : WAPITI c : any of various large Asiatic deer 2 : soft tanned rugged leather 3 cap [Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks] : a member of a major benevolent and fraternal order

elk-hound \-ēlk-haünd\, -ēl-kāünd\ n : NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND

ell \-ēl\ n [ME *el*, fr. OE] 1 : a former English unit of length (as for cloth) equal to 45 inches 2 : any of various units of length similar in use to the English ell

ell \-ēl\ n [alter. of *elf*] 1 : an extension at right angles to the length of a building 2 : an elbow in a pipe or conduit

ell-i-gal-ic acid \-ēl-äj-ik, -ēl-\ n [F *ellagique*, fr. *ellag*, anagram of *gall gall*] : a crystalline phenolic compound $C_6H_8O_3$ with two lactone groupings that is obtained esp. from oak galls and some tannins

ell-i-pse \-ēl-ip-səs, -ēl-\ n, pl ell-i-pses \-ēl-ip-sēz\ [L, fr. Gk *elleipsis*] 1 a : OVAL b : a closed plane curve generated by a point moving in such a way that the sums of its distances from two fixed points is a constant: a plane section of a right circular cone that is a closed curve 2 : ELLIPSIS

ell-i-pis \-ēl-ip-sēs, -ēl-\ n, pl ell-i-pis-es \-ēl-ip-sēz\ [L, fr. Gk *elleipsis*] ellipsis, ellipse, ellip-sis 1 : to leave out, fall short, fr. en in + *leipō* to leave — more at IN, LOAN] 1 a : the omission of one or more words that are obviously understood but that must be supplied to make a construction grammatically complete <“the man that sees” may be changed by ~ to “the man he sees”> b : a leap or sudden passage without logical connectives from one topic to another 2 : marks or a mark (as ... or *** or —) indicating the omission esp. of letters or words

ell-i-pso-oid \-ēl-ip-sōid\, -ēl-\ n : a surface all plane sections of which are ellipses or circles — ellipsoid or ellip-soid \-ēl-ip-sōid\, -ēl-\ adj

ell-iptic \-ēl-ip-tik, -ēl-\ or ell-ipti-cal \-ēl-kəl\ adj [Gk *elleiptikos* defective, marked by ellipsis, fr. *elleipsis*] 1 a : of, relating to, or shaped like an ellipse b : of, relating to, or being a space in which no line parallel to a given line passes through a point not on the line 2 a : of, relating to, or marked by ellipsis or an ellipsis b (1) : of, relating to, or marked by extreme economy of speech or writing (2) : of or relating to studied obscurity of literary style — ellip-ti-cal-ly \-ēl-kəl-lik\ adv

ell-iptic-i-ty \-ēl-ip-tik-ətē\ n : deviation of an ellipse or a spheroid from the form of a circle or a sphere

elm \-ēlm\ n [ME, fr. OE, akin to OHG *elma*, cim, L *ulmus*] 1 : any of a genus (*Ulmus* of the family Ulmaceae, the elm family) comprising large graceful trees with alternate stipulate leaves and small apetalous flowers 2 : the wood of an elm

elm bark beetle n : either of two beetles that are vectors for the fungus causing Dutch elm disease:

a : a beetle (*Hylurgopinus rufipes*) native to eastern No. America b : a European beetle (*Scolytus multistriatus*) that is established in eastern No. America

elm blight n : DUTCH ELM DISEASE

elm leaf beetle n : a small orange-yellow black-striped Old World chrysomelid beetle (*Pyractomena tuteola*) that is a leaf-eating pest of elms in eastern No.

America as a larva and as an adult

el-o-cu-tion \-ēl-ō-kyū-shən\ n [ME *elocution*, fr. L *elocutio*, *elocutio*, fr. *elocutus* pp. of *elocuī*] 1 : the art of effective public speaking 2 : a style of speaking esp. in public — el-o-cu-tion-ary \-ēl-ō-ner-ē\ adj — el-o-cu-tion-ist \-ēl-ō-nist\ n

elo-dee \-ēl-ōdē\, -ēl-\ n [NL, genus name, fr. Gk *heldē* marshy, fr. *heldē* marsh; akin to Skt *sara* pond] : any of a small American genus (*Elodea*) of submerged aquatic monocotyledonous herbs

eloin \-ēlōn\ w [ME *eloynen*, fr. MF *estouinen*, fr. OF, fr. ex- (fr. L *ex*) + *long* (adv.) far, fr. L *longe*, fr. *longus* long] 1 archaic

2 : to take (oneself) far away

unknown place : CONCEAL

elong-ate \-ēlōng-āt\, -ēlōng-āt\ v, -gated; -gat-ing [LL *elongatus*, pp. of *elongare*, to withdraw, fr. L *e-* + *longus* long] w : to extend the length of ~ w : to grow in length syn see EXTEND and abbreviate, shorten

elongates adj 1 : stretched out : LENGTHENED 2 : long in proportion to width : SLENDER

elong-ated adj : ELONGATE

elong-ation \-ēlōng-āshən\ n [LL *elongare* to withdraw] 1 a : the angular distance of a celestial body from another around

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